

Readings

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Judah, J. Stillson, Hare Krishna and the Counterculture (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1974).

* Merton, Thomas, Mystics and Zen Masters (New York: Dell Publishing Co., 1961).

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* Suzuki, Shunryu, Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind (New York and Tokyo: Weatherhill, 1973).

* Trungpa, Chogyam, Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism (Berkeley: Shambala, 1973).

* _____, The Myth of Freedom and the Way of Meditation (Berkeley and London: Shambala, 1976).

Watts, Alan, The Way of Zen (New York: Pantheon, 1957).

Zaretsky, Irving and Leone, Mark, Religious Movements in Contemporary America (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1977) (paper).

Contemporary American Religious Movements

Provisional Schedule of Topics:

- Sept. 20 Introduction to course: subjects to be covered, requirements, approach.
Film: "Meeting in the Air" (Demonstrating speaking in tongues, healing, "slaying in the Lord," etc.)
- Sept. 27 Suggestions of methods in the study of religious movements.
Pentecostal and Charismatic movements: historical roots and present expressions.
- Oct. 4 Types and Varieties of Neo-Oriental Religious Movements.
Teachings of the "Hari Krishna" movement;
Guest presentation of Subananda das of International Society of Krishna Consciousness.
- Oct. 11 New Christian vs. Neo-Oriental Movements, Similarities and Differences in Appeal and Constituency.
Case Study: New Age vs. Millenium.
Reading: Hal Lindsay, The Late Great Planet Earth
Film: "Spiritual Frontiers" (on the New Vrindavan and the Hari Krishna Movements).
- Oct. 18 Oriental movements in Process of Adaptation to Western Culture
Nineteenth Century background: transcendentalism, Swami Vivekananda, Vedanta, Theosophy.
Twentieth Century beginnings: Watts, Kaplean, the Beat Poets and the Dharma Bums.
- Oct. 25 Buddhism in America.
Varieties of Buddhism in the West: Theranada, Zen, Vajrayana, Nichenen Shoshu.
Special case study: Tibetan Buddhism in America and the encounter of psychologies.
- Nov. 1 Meeting of East and West in Synthesizing Movements.
Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church.
- Nov. 8 Controversies over New Religious Movements.
"Brainwashing," "Deprogramming," Tax and Church/State issues.

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- Nov. 15 "Turning East" - a panel discussion on Prof. Cox's new book with response by the author.
- Nov. 22 How "Coming West" produces Controversy within Oriental movements.
- The Happy Healthy Holy Organization and the Sikh Dharma in America.
Film: "Kundalini".
- Nov. 29 Controversies of issues regarding the adaptation of Oriental religious movements in America.
- Special case study: Yogi Bhajan and the Sikh Dharma in the West, pro and con.
- Singh Joseph of 3HO, guest.
- Dec. 6 Impact of non-western religious movements on minority groups in the U.S.A.
- Nation of Islam ("Black Muslims").
- Dec. 13 Interpretive theories of the significance of new religious movements in the U.S.A.
- (Readings: Robert Bellah, Jacob Needleman)
- Dec. 20 Conclusions and Summary.

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"Thou great Eternal, Thou great unbounded whole,
Thy body is the Universe, thy Spirit is its soul;
If thou dost fill immensity, if thou art All-in-All,
Then I'm in Thee and Thou in me, or I'm not here at all.

How can I be outside of Thee, when Thou fillest earth and air?
There surely is no place for me, outside of everywhere,
If Thou art all -- if Thou dost fill immensity of space,
Then I'm in Thee and Thou in me, or else I have no place.

And, if I have no place at all, what am I doing here?
Beyond the All, I cannot be, outside of everywhere;
Then, truly in Thyself am I, and Thou must be in me,
or else there is no All-in-All, no Thee, no me, to be.

But, now, I claim thy Spirit free, thy perfect life and Soul,
The very thought of this great truth makes me this moment whole;
This very hour look I deep, and vision high to see,
That Christ within -- the perfect Self -- art Thou! and I am Thee!"

